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Frederica Has Best Tasting Water

The Town of Frederica won the right to call its drinking water the Best Tasting Water in Delaware, based on samples judged at the recent Operators' Expo held by Delaware Rural Water Association at the Milford Elks Club on September 26. Several community water systems throughout Delaware submitted samples that were judged by of three different tasters for appearance, clarity, absence of odor or color and various taste factors. Frederica's sample was judged best overall by the panel of three.

Placing first in this state contest not only gives the town bragging rights for Delaware, it means that Frederica's water will represent the State in the *Great American Water Taste Test* held in February 2015 by the National Rural Water Association during the annual Water Rally in Washington DC. The Water Rally brings utility system representatives to Capitol Hill every year to support funding for infrastructure, training and technical assistance.

"I'm very proud that our drinking water was judged best tasting," said Dustan Russum, Water Operator for the town. "We work hard to provide a good quality product that conforms to regulatory requirements, and this first place finish is proof of that."

Frederica Councilman Pete Rager said, " I couldn't be happier. Our system has improved immensely in the last year and we are going to keep on improving our services as the budget allows. Representing Delaware in the Washington contest is just icing on the cake."

Rick Duncan, Executive Director of Delaware Rural Water Association said, " We congratulate Frederica not only on its first place finish, but on the improvements it has made and continues to make in its water system and services. Drinking water is often taken for granted as a town service, and winning a taste test is something to be recognized and celebrated."